

## Cedar County

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### Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

#### Promote Healthy Behaviors

##### Problems/Needs:

- Only 67% of adults surveyed exercise at least weekly.
- Low birth weight increased from 4.9% in 2000 to 10.5% in 2007.
- Breast cancer rates for Cedar County (46.4) were almost double the national rate (24.1).
- Colon cancer rates for Cedar County (37.0) were more than double the national rate (17.5).
- Stroke rates for Cedar County (110.9) were more than double the national rate (47.0).

#### Prevent Injuries

##### Problems/Needs:

- 33% of adults surveyed answered that they have taken their child to the ER at least once in the last year.
- Suicide rates for Cedar County (19.1) were almost double the national rate (10.9).

#### Protect Against Environmental Hazards

##### Problems/Needs:

- Of the residents who have obtained radon test kits from Cedar County Public Health, approximately 70% have higher levels than are recommended.
- The percentage of children under age 6 who are lead poisoned is more than 3 times the national rate.

#### Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

##### Problems/Needs:

- The number of reported cases of Pertussis (17) was nearly double that of similar counties across the US (9).

## **Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies**

### **Problems/Needs:**

- Only 21% of people surveyed answered that they feel well prepared for an emergency situation.
- High percentage of elderly/disabled persons in the community who will rely on public health for recovery.

## **Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure**

### **Problems/Needs:**

- Lack of transportation to out of town appointments.
- 5.6% unemployment rate in December 2010.
- No dentists serve T19 patients unless they were a patient prior to going on T19.

## Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Decrease the percentage of children under age 6 who are lead poisoned to less than 4%	Educate parents on the negative effects of lead poisoning prior to and during lead testing.	Stacy Campion	Fall 2011
	Begin lead testing in daycares and preschools. Hand out information ahead of time so that even if they choose not to have their child tested, they will receive the information.	Stacy Campion	Fall 2011

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Improve resident preparedness for an emergency situation to where 50% say they feel well prepared.	Dedicate a page on the Cedar County Public Health website to resources for preparing for an event.	Stacy Campion	Summer 2011

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Create registry for elderly/disabled residents so it is easily available during a public health emergency.	Work with United Way 211 to create database to help these residents in an emergency	Stacy Campion, Tim Malott, United Way 211	Spring 2012